New Drug for Thalassemic Patients

4138. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new drug has been discovered for Thalassemic patients recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the clinical trials of new medicine has been carried out and the new drug has been found to be safe and effective without any side-effects; and

(d) if so, by when the new medicine is likely to be marketed on a commercial scale?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEATLH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Production of typhoid vaccine

4139. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has been requested by the Government of Maharashtra for the grant of permission to Haffkine Bio-Pharmaceutical Corporation Limited to restart production of Typhoid Vaccine; and

(b) if so, Government's response thereto and the steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard since the Typhoid Vaccine demands are increasing day by day?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) A request has been received in the Government for grant of permission to Haffkine Bio-Pharmaceutical Corporation Limited (HBPCL), Mumbai to restart production of Whole Cell Killed Typhoid (AKD) Vaccine. The Government has decided in principle to permit the production of Whole Cell Killed Typhoid (AKD) Vaccine by HBPCL, Mumbai to meet the requirement of typhoid vaccine for the Armed Forces. HBPCL, Mumbai has been requested to send its application to Drug Controller General of India for seeking licence for production of (AKD) Vaccine.